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## DECLARES CHINA IS PERFECTLY NEUTRAL

Russia Will Try to Get Even For Loss of Fortress.

### MANY SICK AT PORT ARTHUR

British Ship Captured by Japanese Is Condemned as a Naval Prize--Vessel Was Bound for Vladivostok Loaded with Coal.

Pekin, Jan. 21.—A high official of the Chinese foreign office said in an interview today that the neutrality of China was assured now as hitherto. Every precaution had been taken, the official declared, and he could only suppose that the present Russian complaints were intended to constitute a pretext for further demands as compensation for the loss of Port Arthur.

The official emphatically denied that there was any connection between Chinese neutrality and anti-foreign feeling, instancing the prompt suppression of the disturbance at Shanghai in connection with the delay in bringing to trial the Russian sailors who killed a Chinaman there as the result of a dispute about the hire of a jiriksha.

Tokio, Jan. 21.—It is stated that there are 18,556 sick and wounded Russian prisoners at Port Arthur. Of these, 3,657 are connected with the navy.

Business men of this city celebrated the capture of Port Arthur today. A few speeches were made by Premier Katsu, Vice Admiral Togo and the ministers of war and the navy. An aide-de-camp of the emperor left the Shimbashi station, taking with him nine carloads of imperial gifts for the officers and men of the armies in the field.

Jan. 12 on board the French steamer Arthur harbor at the entrance and pump out the water preparatory to salving the Russian war vessels. Discussing the matter, a naval officer today said that under ordinary circumstances such a great work would be unprofitable, but in view of the number of ships possibly salvable and the shallowness and smallness of the harbor, it was the most economical method.

Nagasaki, Jan. 21.—The British steamer Leathington has been condemned by the naval prize court at Sasebo. The Leathington was captured on Jan. 12 in the Shusima straits by Japanese torpedo boat destroyer No. 72. She had a cargo of coal on board and was bound, it was said, for Vladivostok. She was taken to Sasebo.

Shanghai, Jan. 21.—General Stoessels and a large number of the paroled officers and others have arrived here Jan. on board the French steamer Australien which left Shanghai today for Marseilles. The Russians highly praise the Japanese for their bravery, fairness and chivalry at the surrender of Port Arthur, which was due mainly to the impossibility of resisting the Japanese 11-inch shells after the capture of 203 Meter Hill. Besides, it is stated, the Russian supplies were entirely exhausted.

### NO NEW CABINET YET.

President of France Hard at Work on Problem.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The cabinet crisis is still in progress. President Loubet today received a number of senators and deputies but did not give the slightest indication of his intentions.

If Henri Brisson is called, it will be a formal courtesy, as he is not willing to set owing to his recent defeat for the presidency of the chamber, showing his inability to command a majority.

After M. Brisson the names of M. Rouvier, with a new or revised policy, and M. Sarrien, with the old policy, are mentioned.

No decision will be reached before night, and the government officials believe the crisis may be prolonged for several days.

### SECOND CHARGE AGAINST HIM.

Dr. Irvine Still After Bishop Talbot for Unfrocking Him.

New York, Jan. 21.—A second presentation to be brought against Rt. Rev. Ethelbert W. Talbot, bishop of the diocese of Central Pennsylvania, upon charges made by Dr. Ingram N. W. Irvine, who is now being prepared as the result of a conference held in this city contains, it is understood, in the main, only two charges. The first is said to be "immorality," meaning "lying," and the second, "violations of ordination vows."

The views are based on a letter and contains nineteen charges, but more may be added before the paper is finally sent to Presiding Bishop Tuttle, of St. Louis.

Charges of "violation of ordination vows," rest solely upon the unfrocking of Dr. Irvine, and draws the Episcopal divorce canon, which has recently enacted, into the controversy.

The charges against Bishop Talbot in connection with Mrs. Elliott, of Huntingdon, are reiterated, and several new side-features have been added.

There may be, it is said, a third charge, but the presenters have not yet decided on this.

### COULD NOT CONTROL BRAKES.

Engineer and Firemen Killed and Several Others Wounded.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 21.—In a wreck on the Powelton and Pocahontas railroad two men were killed and another fatally injured. The dead: James Keesey, engineer, body crushed beneath engine.

Harry Jones, fireman, crushed to death beneath the engine.

The injured:

Unknown boy, aged 14, both legs broken and internal injuries; will die. The victims of the wreck had been engaged in dropping coal cars from Powelton, to Mount Carbon, a distance of 8 miles.

A steep grade extends along this route, and when the work had been nearly completed, the engine started down the steep grade at a break-neck speed.

Engineer Keesey was unable to control the brakes or shut steam. A mad chase for a distance of 3 miles followed. At a sharp curve near Mount Carbon the engine left the rails and plunged down a 20-foot embankment. Both Keesey and Jones leaped from the cab, but were too late and were pinioned beneath the engine and were crushed to death.

### BILL RAISER CAPTURED.

One of the Cleverest Crooks in the West Arrested and Jailed.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—Presenting himself to his wife of a year as a government secret service agent and in a luxurious apartment in Prairie avenue, but in reality declared to be the cleverest bill raiser who has worked in the west in recent years, having made, it is said, \$8,000 since last January, the story of the career of W. S. Kirk has come to light.

Kirk's fall was raised by Judge Sanborn of the United States district court from \$5,000 to \$10,000, after C. E. Thomas, of the secret service, had testified to his operations and exhibited his implements and raised bills.

Kirk was arrested in Aurora, giving the name of Charles Clemons. He was brought to Chicago and his young wife learned that she had been deceived.

### Reforms in Macedonia.

Constantinople, Jan. 21.—In accordance with one of the provisions of the Austro-Russian reform scheme for Macedonia, the embassies of Austria and Russia have now submitted to the porte a plan for the financial administration of the three Macedonian vilayets providing for the control of the receipts and expenditures by financial inspectors and civil agents, under the introduction of a regular annual budget in each vilayet.

### "Sunrise" Express Wrecked.

Durham, N. H., Jan. 21.—A number of persons were injured, four seriously, by the wrecking of the "Sunrise" express on the Boston and Maine railroad near here today. No one was killed. Four cars were thrown from the track. The train was bound from Halifax and St. John for Boston.

## BIG STRIKE IS ON IN ST. PETERSBURG

Workingmen Petition Emperor To Help Them.

### PETITION EXPRESSES DEVOTION

Strikers Have Broken Into Factories and Printing Offices and Compelled Men to Quit Work—Troops have Been Called Out.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—The employees of the Sangalli and Kolinkin Spinning mill ceased work today and considerable further accessions to the ranks of the strikers are expected in the course of the day.

The men already in pursuance of the plan to enforce a general strike, are parading the streets of the Basil Island district compelling workshops, print shops and small shop keepers to close.

It is estimated that bands so engaged aggregate 5,000 men. They have broken into several factories and into printing works of the academy of science, forcing the employees to join them. The management of the printing works, which is a government establishment, acting on the advice of the police, agreed to the men giving up work so as to avoid a disturbance.

A petition to Emperor Nicholas now circulating at the workmen's meeting for signatures, bitterly complains of the desperate condition of the workers and their deprivations of human rights.

The petition expresses devotion to the emperor, and concludes: "Be merciful to us! Let us live if thou leave us in this position, we prefer to die!"

As the day progressed the ranks of the strikers were rapidly augmented. Delegations, each 200 strong, visited all the factories and printing shops, threatening to compel a cessation of work unless the employees voluntarily joined in the strike.

Practically all the small establishments in St. Petersburg are already closed in response to the demands of the strikers, while the printing works and tobacco factories are following suit.

One of the leaders of the strikers, visited the office of a recently established news agency and informed the printers that unless they joined the movement the building would be wrecked. The printers, numbering about 100, promptly quit work and the news agency is now sending out its news in stenciled sheets instead of printed. The troops have been called out.

### LOW RATES TO ATLANTIC PORTS

Now on a Favorable Basis With the Gulf Seaboard.

New York, Jan. 21.—While no official announcement has been made, it is understood, according to the Journal of Commerce, that the railroad east of Chicago have met the cuts in rates by lines to the gulf ports. It is said the reductions named by the roads east of Chicago amounted to 2 1/2 cents a hundred pounds, making the export rate by way of New York 11 cents without the usual all-rail differential of 2 cents to Philadelphia and 3 cents to Baltimore.

These reductions, according to the grain shippers, who already have made large sales for export, place the Atlantic ports, and especially Baltimore, on a fairly favorable basis in competition with the low tariffs named to the gulf.

### Davis' Portrait Presented.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 21.—Robert E. Lee's birthday was observed in this city Thursday night by the presentation of a portrait of Jefferson Davis to the state of Mississippi by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The presentation was made by Miss Kate Porter the president of the local chapter, and the portrait was accepted by Governor Vardaman, who in turn conveyed it to Director Rowland, of the department of archives and history, where it will be given a prominent place in the Mississippi hall of fame.

### TRIPLE TRAGEDY IN VIRGINIA.

Insulting Remark to a Woman Is the Cause of Three Deaths.

Rosapeake, Va., Jan. 21.—Meager details of a triple tragedy enacted in Franklin county, 20 miles south of Roanoke, Thursday evening, reached here today.

James Abshire and his son fought a revolver duel with L. A. Pradd and a man named Holley, as a result of which the three first named are dead and Holley, who escaped injury, is said to be in jail.

It is said that one of the four men, is alleged to have offered an insult to the wife of one of the other three men, and that the four men met at the home of Drury Hanes, on the Roanoke and Calloway pike, where the shooting took place.

After the first round it is said the two Abshires and Pradd were on the ground, wounded.

One of the Abshires is said to have reloaded his shotgun and deliberately blown Pradd's head off.

### BURIED ALIVE BY LANDSLIDE.

Seven Men Meet Instant Death in Big Cave-In.

Antioke, Ark., Jan. 21.—Seven men were buried alive under a great mass of dirt and rock as the result of a cave-in in a deep cut 5 miles north of Antioke on the Gardon and Fort Smith railroad.

All the men who were killed came here with a large number of others from St. Louis and nothing was known of them locally. The accident occurred when one hundred and fifty men were working in the cut. The cut is about 50 feet deep at that point and the seven men who were caught in the cave-in were buried under some 20 feet of rock and dirt.

A force of men were put to work at once, clearing away the debris in which they were buried, but it will take some time to clear away the enormous amount of rock and dirt that is piled high upon them.

### Signal Corps Enlistments.

Commandant Hughes of the East Florida Seminary has received from the office of the chief signal officer, War Department, United States Government, the following circular relative to enlistment in the signal corps, which may prove of interest to many:

Civilians are not employed, but enlistments of desirable persons will be made as privates, and promotions to the higher grades made on merit as vacancies occur and the soldier's qualifications, conduct and service justify. Promotions are usually rapid in the case of men of high character, who show proficiency in special phases of electrical or other signal corps work.

The grades and pay of enlisted men of the signal corps per month are as follows:

Master signal electricians, in U. S. \$75.00, abroad \$90.00; first-class sergeants, in U. S. \$45.00, abroad \$54.00; sergeants, in U. S. \$34.00, abroad \$40.00; corporals and cooks, in U. S. \$20.00, abroad \$24.00; first-class privates, in U. S. \$17.00, abroad \$20.40; privates, in U. S. \$13.00, abroad \$15.60, with a slight increase each month after three years' service. All enlisted men (in addition to their regular pay) receive rations, quarters, clothing, fuel, bedding, medicine and medical attendance when required.

### Election of Officers.

At the annual meeting of the J. J. Finley Chapter, held January 19th, 1905, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. E. Taylor; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Patton; Second Vice-President, Mrs. T. C. McEachen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. I. Kelley; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. J. A. Goodwin; Registrar, Mrs. J. M. Rivers; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Chesnut.

### Road Convention in Session.

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 21.—The National Good Roads association met here Thursday and was attended by a large number of delegates from all parts of the country. One thousand delegates were appointed by Governor Broward from Florida alone. A. S. Mann, vice president and national organizer of the Good Roads association, presided.

## REED SMOOT GOES ON WITNESS STAND

Entire Senate Committee Hears His Testimony.

### SENATOR PERFECTLY AT EASE

Declares He Has Only One Wife and the Father of Six Children—Says He Has Taken No Oath of Any Kind, Other Washington News.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Senator Reed Smoot was put on the stand in his own defense today in the investigation of protests against the senator retaining his seat in the senate. A minority of the committee on privileges and elections has been attending the hearings, but when it was announced that Senator Smoot would testify the absentees were sent for.

No previous announcement had been made, but the senator had not long been under examination before the seats in the committee room were filled.

Counsel for the defense were cloaked with the senator throughout the morning. He was late in arriving at the capitol, but stated that he expected witnesses failed to appear and had decided to examine the senator at once in order not to lose a day. He conducted the direct examination.

Senator Smoot was at his ease as every eye in the room was directed to him. The first questions were as to the senator's nativity. He said he was born in Salt Lake City in 1862. His father and mother were both dead. His mother was a plural wife. Concerning his own family, he said he was married Sept. 17, 1884, and has but one wife. They have six children. He said at the time of his marriage he did not take the endowments, but that in 1880 he had gone through the endowment house at the request of his father, before taking a trip to the Sandwich Islands with his father for the benefit of his father's health. He said he told his father at that time he did not care much about taking the ceremony.

Senator Smoot said he had been engaged in the mercantile business most of his life. The only office in the church that he has held other than that of apostle was counsellor to the It has been proposed to dam Port and he declared that he had taken no oaths of any character when he became counsellor nor had he taken any other when he became an apostle.

### In the House.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Soon after convening today the house agreed to a change in the hour for holding the Ingalls statue ceremonies tomorrow from 3 o'clock to 3:30 o'clock. Consideration of the army appropriation bill was then resumed.

### In the Senate.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Immediately after the senate was called to order today President Pro Tem, Frye laid before it a telegram from the governor of New Mexico transmitting a memorial adopted by the legislature of that territory protesting against the union of New Mexico and Arizona in one state, and urging the admission of New Mexico as a state. One of the resolutions urged for admission was the fact that New Mexico supplied more than half of the members of the regiment of Rough Riders, commanded during the Spanish war by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt.

### Floridian Before Committee.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The senate committee on interstate commerce today heard an argument by R. Hudson Burr, of the Florida railroad commission, who is a member of a committee appointed by the National Association of Railway Commissioners, appointed at the last meeting of the association, held at Birmingham, Ala., to present to congress the necessity of an increase of the powers of the interstate commerce commission so as to authorize it to fix rates. He said there was a crystallized public sentiment which represents about 95 per cent of the people in support of the proposed legislation.